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THE BARB(E) FAMILY IN AMERICA

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INTRODUCTION

I have for a number of years been desirous to know more about my antecedents, from whom I inherited my name, but press of other duties has preyed so heavily upon my time, that, until a few months ago, I have been unable to give the matter any serious attention. I had originally intended to gather this information for my own personal satisfaction and the enlightenment of myself and my immediate family only, with no thought of making the information so collected available to others. However, in the course of my investigations and correspondence with various members of the family in other parts of the country, I found so many, who, like myself, were anxious to increase their knowledge of the Barbs, who they were, where they came from, how long they have been in this country, and so forth, that I concluded to enlarge somewhat the scope of my work. I, therefore, decided to piece together in as readable a form as possible the fragments of information I have drawn from various sources, and to have the manuscript mimeographed, so as to be in a position to supply copies of those who wish them. I frankly admit that the work leaves a lot to be desired. I am, nevertheless, pleased with it, because, poor as it is, it is the only account of the Barb Family in America, which has ever been written. I furthermore deem it a privilege to have been able to rescue and place on permanent record some of these bits of information before they became shrouded in the mists of antiquity, as it were, and perhaps forever lost to the Barb(e) posterity.

It is not the purpose or intent of this genealogical sketch to catalogue all the Barb(e) descendants. That would, indeed, be a task of major proportions and one that I have neither the time nor the patience to put into execution. Save, in the case of the second Jacob Barb, of whose descendants thru the male line, I have compiled a fairly comprehensive list, it has been my wish, in this short account, to trace the Barb descent only thru the first three or four generations in America. This is by far the most difficult part, from a technical standpoint, and should be enough to enable anyone who may be interested in Barb genealogy, to complete his own particular line or branch and bring the account up to date. Tracing the later generations, while easy of accomplishment, in any particular case, is no small matter, when attempted for all the descendants of Jacob Barb. To do this one would have to write thousands of letters and spend months, yes years, before he could hope to complete the task. Feeling that a sketch of this nature is of most interest to those who bear the Barb(e) name, I have purposely omitted from it all those who are descended thru the female line.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge my deep indebtedness to Waverly Barbe of Franklin, Ky., for the kind and generous manner in which he furnished me with material and ideas for these notes. Besides aiding me in many other ways, he collected and arranged all the data on the descendants of Jacob Barb and Barbara Miller, his wife.

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ORIGIN OF THE NAME

Surnames are today the surest possession a man has. Fortunes may be amassed and dissipated; dynasties may rise and pass away; but one's name, more or less changed, it may be, by time, is safely transmitted from father to son,--an inheritance of today, from a remote and usually unknown ancestor.

But the present status of surnames has not always prevailed. Up until somewhat past the middle of the Christian era, there were, generally speaking, no surnames at all. A man had, as a rule, but one name and when he passed from the stage of life, his name passed with him. If he had a dozen sons, they would all have different names, and there would be nothing in these names to indicate any relationship.

In the 11th and 12th centuries, however, a change took place. By a silent and unpremeditated movement over the whole of the more populated and civilized European countries, nomenclature began to assume a more lasting basis. It was the result, in fact, of an insensibly growing necessity. Population was on the increase; commerce was spreading; and society was fast becoming corporate. With all this, arose difficulties of individualization. It was impossible, without some further distinction, to maintain a correct identity. Thus, what at first had been but an occasional and irregular custom, became a fixed and general practice; and the distinguishing sobriquet became part and parcel of man's property, and passed on with his other possessions to his descendants.

Every surname, no doubt, originally had a meaning, and was at first assumed by the individual himself, or imposed upon him by his neighbors, on account of its real or supposed fitness. This fitness of the applied or assumed sobriquet was usually due to some accidental circumstance, such as a man's occupation or some physical or moral characteristic, and so forth. Due, however, to constant and ever-present evolutionary changes in the languages, extending over a period of several hundred years, it may be difficult, at the present time, to detect this meaning in a large majority of cases. But in many instances, it is quite easy. For instance, it does not take much imagination to see how such names as the following originated: - Smith, Hunter, Fisher, Mason, Gardener, Cooper, Miller, Armstrong, Fairchild, Youngblood, Barefoot, Lightfoot, Black, White, Whitehead, Rider, Walker, Swift, Longfellow, Tallman, Little, Good, Goodman, Wise, Gay, Noble, Savage, Strong, Young, etc.

The noun "Barb" is one of the oldest and most universal words in the world, being found in a more or less easily recognizable form in a large number of languages, both ancient and modern. In all of these languages it has identically the same meaning, viz., beard, i.e., a growth of hair on the chin, lips, and adjacent parts of the face, chiefly of male adults. The following will serve as examples of the varying forms of the word in the various languages: - Anglo-Saxon, Beard; Dutch, Baard; Lithuanian, Barzda; Slavish, Brada; Polish, Broda; Russian, Boroda; Welsh, Barf; German, Bart; Latin, Barba; Italian, Barba; Portuguese, Barba; Spanish, Barba; French, Barbe; English, Barb.

Inasmuch as France appears to have been the original habitat of the Barbs, it will be assumed that the name originated there. Bearing in mind what has already been said relative to the origin of surnames in general, it is quite easy and entirely logical to conceive the following explanation of the origin of the surname of Barb in particular: -

At some period, probably during the 11th or 12th centuries, there lived somewhere in France, a man who had a long, luxurious growth of beard, on which he most likely prided himself very greatly. Beards at that time were decidedly more in vogue than they are at present, and were often regarded as an index to a man's physical prowess, a heavy beard being indicative of a certain superiority. He, in all probability, had several sons to whom he had transmitted this distinguishing characteristic. It is easy to conceive how their neighbors might begin to refer to them as the Beard family, or to use the French equivalent for the Anglo-Saxon beard, the Barbe family, and that the sons, Pierre, Alphonse, etc., gradually became known as Pierre Barbe, Alphonse Barbe, etc. Now, as this happened at the time when surnames were being adopted in France, the Barbe sobriquet permanently attached itself to this family and thus established itself as the hereditary family name.

Today in France the surname of Barbe is a very common one, and many of the nobility and aristocracy have borne it. Some of the family of Barbes lived in Lorraine, near the German border, and some of them eventually moved to Germany. As these French Barbes became Germanized in language and customs, the name itself underwent a form of Germanization. Now, as has already been shown, the corresponding German word for Beard or Barbe is Bart, and, according to the usual custom of immigrants from one country to another, it would have been natural for these Barbes to have adopted the German spelling of Bart, and probably some of them did, because Bart is a fairly common German surname today. However, some of them did not, but did effect a kind of compromise with the German spelling, and dropped the final e of the French name, and spelled it Barb. It is a fairly safe assumption that the French Barbes, the German Barts and the German and American Barbs are related and are all descended from a common patriarchal ancestor. It is from this German-French family that the American Barbs are descended.

THE SPELLING OF THE NAME

At this juncture, before proceeding with the discussion of the Descendants of Jacob Barb, it is felt that something ought to be said relative to the spelling of the family name. There are now two distinct orthographies, namely, the French and the German-American, or English. According to the former method, the name is spelled Barbe, that is, with a final e. According to the latter, it is spelled Barb, with the final e being omitted. It has already been shown that the name had its origin in France, and that, in the French language, it means beard. The French orthography is, therefore, unquestionably the original one, and has many advocates, who claim that, besides being the original spelling, the name has a better appearance and looks more finished when written with the final e. It is estimated that nearly one-half of the descendants of Jacob Barb now spell their name this way. So far as the writer has been able to ascertain, all the descendants of Henry and William Barb and quite a few of the descendants of Abraham, and Jacob Barb, Jr. now add the e.

The advocates of the German-American or English orthography are just as enthusiastic for their way of spelling the name as are those of the French, and they have a great deal to justify their preference. It has always been the custom for immigrants from one country to another where a different language is spoken, to make the spelling of their names, where possible, conform with the new language. This is clearly shown by the fact that immigrants to America, bearing such names as Mueller and Schmidt, almost invariably, sooner or later, adopt the English spelling of Miller, Smith, etc. Now Barb is the English Equivalent of the French Barbe, both words being derived from the Latin noun Barba, the word having the same meaning in all three languages, namely, beard. The English equivalent has also some additional meanings. It would, therefore, have been the logical thing for the family to have dropped the e upon their arrival in America had they not already previously done so. There is, however, very good cause to believe that the e had been dropped long before the family left Germany, for it is known that Jacob Barb spelled his name without it at the time he took passage from Amsterdam, Germany to America on the ship, Two Brothers, in 1753. (See Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 17, page 377).

While Barbe was the original French spelling, barb was, without question, the original American spelling of the name, all of the first four generations in America, using the English method, except a few in the fourth generation, who reverted to the French spelling. There will be found incorporated in the following account sufficient legal documents in the form of wills, administrations, and deeds, to show that in all the early generations the name of Jacob Barb and his descendants was written and signed without the final e. It was at least one hundred and twenty-five years after Jacob first settled in this country before a single one of his descendants added the e to their name. According to Loy J. Coffman, Clerk of Shenandoah Co., Va., which was the original home of the Barbs in America, and where a large number of them still live, the name spelled with an e does not appear upon the records of that County before the year 1905. It is known, however, that some of them added the e a few years prior to the above date.

When then and why was the final e added? The answer is not difficult to find. The writer wishes here to quote extracts from letters

he has received from various members of the family. These letters answer, in no mistakeable terms, the above question.

Mrs. Ollie Barbe Eckstine of Bristolville, Ohio, in a letter bearing date of April 13, 1932, writes as follows: -

"We began using the e in the name Barbe at least 25 years ago. Mrs. Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin of Cincinnati started to write a history of the family. In the course of her investigations, she went to Europe and visited the place where the Barbs came from. She found the family name there was spelled with an e. We all thought that it might be a benefit to add the e, that it made the name look more finished. So the younger ones began adding it as they came along. As a matter of fact they used it and asked no questions."

An account of the Mrs. McLaughlin referred to above, will be found further on under the discussion of the descendants of William Barb.

Blyde D. Barbe of Morgantown, W. Va., has the following to say:-

"You asked me in regard to the spelling of the name. Most of our immediate family began adding the e along in the early nineties. It may have been partly on account of the influence of Mrs. McLaughlin, but mostly on account of a visit Dr. Waitman Barbe made to France about that time. The name, as I understand, was originally French, but when it came under German influence, the final e was dropped. Friends who have lived in Alsace Lorraine, have told me that there are many of our name still living there, and that they spell and pronounce the name just as I do. Sometime since I was in New Orleans and found a large number of Barbos of French descent and they all used the final e, personally I think the name looks better when written with the final e."

Jesse C. Barbe of Harrisonburg, Va., a grandson of Abraham Barb, says that they added the e to their name after Mrs. Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin had visited his father father and assured him that the e belonged to it.

James H. Barbe of Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va., also a grandson of Abraham Barb, writes as follows: -

"The best information I have as to when the final e was added to the name of Barb in our immediate family was about 1878. A lady, Mrs. Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin was tracing the Barb generations. She visited my father and told him that the correct way to spell the name was with a final e. I think that was about the time the e was added."

Waverly Barbe of Franklin, Ky., writes: -

"All the descendants of Jacob Barb, Jr., of Washington County, Va., spell their name without a final e except our own branch. Grandfather, Lacy Johnson Barbe, grandson of Jacob Barb, Jr. began spelling the name with an e about 1890 after Mrs. McLaughlin had visited him in Washington County. She insisted that the name should be spelled Barbe, because the family is of French descent and Barbe was the original spelling. All of grandfather's descendants spell the name as we do, but his brother, Jacob Barb, and his descendants do not add the e."

The writer has a half sister, a former Nellie Barb, a descendant of Jacob Barb, Jr., who, as early as 1887, occasionally spelled her name with a final e. He has found her name, so written many times in an old textbook she studied at that time. This was evidently during the period that Mrs. McLaughlin was corresponding with various members of the family with the double purpose of securing family data and inducing them to add the e to their name, which latter endeavor appears to have been a pet hobby with her.

Added to the above influence is a natural liking which young people, as a rule, have for changing the spelling of their names. As an example, one of the writer's children, a girl of 12 years, irrespective of her father's preference for the English spelling, has recently begun to add the e of the French name. It is not at all improbable that some, after reading this discussion, will add the e, even if there were no other reason for doing so than the power of suggestion, which is rather strong with some individuals. But there are a large number who, like the writer, could never be influenced to cast aside the familiar spelling of several immediate generations of his ancestors. Sentimental considerations alone, to say nothing of other good and sufficient reasons, would forbid this.

It has been shown that Jacob Barb, the founder of the Barb Family in America, preferred and used the English spelling of his name. Since all the descendants owe so much to him, it would appear that he should be accorded the privilege of dictating how the family name should be spelled. Furthermore, the English spelling of the name is decidedly the more distinctive form. It immediately designates its bearer as a member of the Jacob Barb Clan, which means that his family dates well back into colonial times. A person using the French spelling may or may not be. There is nothing in the latter spelling to indicate whether he is descended from Colonial forefathers, or whether he belongs to a French family of comparatively recent arrival, or whether he may not even be a Jew, there being families of that race in both New York and Chicago, spelling their name Barbe.

In concluding this discussion, the writer wishes to emphasize the fact that, so far as the descendants of Jacob Barb are concerned, the name is essentially the same, whether it is spelled with a final e or without it. Both orthographies are correct, and any bearer of the name may feel at liberty to spell it either way he chooses, dependant entirely upon which best suits his fancy.

In the discussions which are to follow, the writer will spell the names of the various characters as they themselves spelled or spell them. He fully realizes that he has no right, either moral or legal, to change the spelling of anyone else's name, either while they are living or after they are dead. To do so, would be nothing short of gross presumption, besides being a violation of the genealogists code of honors.

JACOB BARB, THE FIRST OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

Jacob Barb, the founder of the Barb Family in America, came to this country from Germany in the year 1753. (See Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 17, page 377). So much has already been said relative to his French name, that the reader is likely to gain the impression that he was himself French. Such, however is not the case. He was, as a matter of fact, to use a trite and rather prosaic expression as "German as sauer kraut." That he was German and not French, not even the staunchest advocates of the French spelling of his name will deny. For how many generations before him, his family had been German, there is no means of ascertaining. But that his parents, at least were German, is proven by the fact that he was given a German Christian name, Jacob being one of the commonest of German names. That he was of Teutonic birth and descent is also strongly supported by the fact that he was an adherent to the Lutheran faith, which was the leading church in Germany, and almost unknown in France, where nearly one hundred percent of the population was Roman Catholic. That he was thoroughly German is also substantiated by the fact that nearly all his associates bore German names and that most of his children married people with German names, while the old records in the court-house at Woodstock, in Shenandoah Co., Va., show that he used German script in signing his name.

According to the Pennsylvania Archives, already quoted above, he first landed in Philadelphia and there took the Oath of Allegiance, which was required of all foreigners arriving in this country. He probably very soon thereafter passed overland to Shenandoah County, Va., which already had a large colony of Germans in it.

Jacob Barb was born in the year, 1718, in Germany, to which country his paternal ancestors had emigrated from near Metz, Lorraine, France. There is absolutely no evidence on which to base any possible theory that he may have been born in France and later moved to Germany, before finally emigrating to America. He, therefore, could not have been born in Lorraine, as may have been suggested to some, because that province did not become a portion of Germany till more than one hundred and fifty years after his birth. It is, however, highly probable that he was born in that section of Germany lying just adjacent to Lorraine, France. He married a German woman, a daughter of the Graf Von Nesselrodt. He was drafted for the German Army, but obtained a special leave and came with his wife and three sons, Adam, Abraham, and Henry, to America. A fourth son started on the voyage, but became sick on the way over and died just before they landed in America. This son was buried on land, probably in Philadelphia, as that is where the ship docked. Nothing is definitely known of the Barbs of his time in Germany; but the fact that he married the daughter of a German nobleman, would lead one to infer that his family was one of high standing, if not actually of the nobility.

Some of the above information is quoted on the authority of Mrs. Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin, late of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has already been referred to, and about whom more will be said later. She was, during her lifetime, the best authority on Barb history in America. She began her investigations about 1875, at which time many of Jacob Barb's grandchildren were still living, some of whom had, no doubt, heard the above story from Jacob's own lips, and had in their turn repeated it to her.

Not much is definitely known of Jacob, after his arrival in this country, except that he settled in Shenandoah Co., Va., and reared a large family of seven sons and three daughters. He died in Shenandoah County in September, 1819, at the age of 101 years. Himself a patriarch in the strictest sense of the word, it may be said of him as it was said of a certain patriarch of old, "And decaying, he died in a good old age, and having lived a long time, and being full of days, he was gathered home." (Genesis 25-8)

The writer has in his possession a certified copy of the administration papers, in the settlement of Jacob's estate. These papers, which are too complicated to insert here, show that his estate was administered by his grandson, Henry Barb, Jr.; and his friend, George Weaver, and that he had the following children:--

Adam
Abraham
Henry
William
Isaac
Peter
Jacob
Mary
Ann
Elizabeth

These early Barbs practiced the Lutheran Religion, as did all the German immigrants to Virginia. Now these Lutherans were a very religious people and were extremely fond of Biblical names for their children, which fondness is still manifest to a considerable extent among the Barb descendants even to this day. Some of these names are truly amusing, and it is highly probable that many of their modern descendants will scarcely be able to restrain a smile, as they encounter such names as the following all of which were borne by the early Barbs, and not infrequently by modern ones: - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Adam, Christian, Joshua, David, Peter, Simeon, Gideon, Daniel, Benjamin, Jesse, Ezekial, Kosekiah, Zacharias, Moses, Noah, and Gabriel. One can easily picture many of these being familiarly called, Abe, or Abram, Ike, Jake, Pete, Josh, Zeke, Zack, and Hezzie. Beside this fondness for Biblical names, one also notes a strong tendency to carry practically the same names in families, generation after generation. For instance, almost every family of Barbs had an Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in it. Of course most of the other Christian names repeated themselves many times in the successive generations, but not to the extent that these three did. Jacob, probably because that was the name of the patriarchal head of the Barb Family in America, was the decided favorite of all these names, and it would be interesting indeed to know just how many descendants have answered to it. The writer feels that a hundred would be a conservative estimate. That the name has not lost its popularity, at least among some branches of the family, is evidenced by the fact that the writer's father and one of his brothers bore it.

It is seen fit here to insert extracts of two deeds, which have several rather obvious points of interest about them. These two deeds show where Jacob Barb, having already passed the century mark in age, disposed of some of his lands. The time of these transactions was about a year prior to his death. At this age in life, his step must

necessarily have been somewhat slowed, but his hand was steady and his eye was undimmed, for on those two deeds he had written his name in German Script just one hundred years after he had first seen the light of day. These deeds clearly outline the two tracts of land he then sold. One hundred and fourteen years have passed since they were executed, and it is highly probable that most, if not all, of the pines, oaks, and hickories, designated as markers, have, like Jacob himself, long since passed into the realm of things that were. However, it is certain that Stoney Creek is still there, perhaps, in many respects, little changed from what it was in the days when Jacob himself hunted squirrels along its banks; "for man may come and men may go, but I go on forever." There are, in all probability, not a few among his descendants, who would get a real thrill out of going there some day, and strolling along its pebbly, timber-covered banks, and lying down and drinking of its clear babbling waters, just as Jacob himself undoubtedly did many times.

In one of these deeds, three generations of Barbs are represented, namely, Jacob Barb, his son, Henry Barb, and his grandson, Henry Barb, Jr. Jacob, in his declining years, made his home with his son, Henry, who died about two weeks before he himself did, Henry Barbe, Jr. and George Weaver, one of the other witnesses to this deed, being the executors of the estates of both of them.

The other deed is witnessed by Jacob's neighbor, Abraham Sonefrank and his two oldest sons, Adam and Abraham, who also owned land "on the drains of Stoney Creek," which they had purchased from Antony Whitsel on Nov. 25, 1779, this being the earliest case on record of a Barb's owning land in America.

THIS INDENTURE made the twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighteen between Jacob Barb, Senior, of the County of Shenandoah, in the State of Virginia, of the one part, and Robert Gaw of the town of Woodstock, in the county and state aforesaid, merchant, of the other part.

WITNESSETH, That the said Jacob Barb, Senior, for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents, good and lawful money of Virginia -- hath granted, sold, released, and confirmed unto the said Robert Gaw, his heirs, and assigns, one certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Shenandoah, aforesaid, on both sides of Stoney Creek, it being the same tract of Land which was sold and conveyed to the said Jacob Barb by Gabriel Sayger by a certain deed bearing date of the 29th day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and is bounded as follows, to wit: -

BEGINNING at two chestnut oaks and three pines standing at the head of a drain or valley, one of the original corners, and extending thence with the old line (reversed) So. 80 degrees, W. 160 poles to a pine, a hickory, and a black oak on a steep hill side, thence crossing the entire tract, So. 13 degrees E. (crossing Stoney Creek at the end of 62 poles) 200 poles to a pine and two hickories in the old line, thence with the same No. 80 degrees, E. 160 poles, and then No. 10 degrees W. (crossing the said creek at the end of 136 poles, to the beginning, containing two hundred acres, be the same more or less, and all houses, orchards, waters, woods, improvements, etc., thereunto belonging, -----

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the said Jacob Barb, Senior, hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

Jacob Barb.

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of us,

Jacob Rinker
George Weaver
his
Henry X Barb, Senr.
mark
Henry Barb, Junr.
Ephraim Rinker

THIS INDENTURE MADE the 17th day of May in year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and seventeen, between Jacob Barb, Senr., of the County of Shenandoah, State of Virginia of the one part, and Peter Williams of the same county and state, of the other part.

WITNESSETH that, for and in consideration of the sum three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, current money of the United States, in hand paid by the said Peter Williams to the said Jacob Barb, Senior, etc.-----the said Jacob Barb, Senr. doth grant, sell, release, etc.-----unto the said Peter Williams a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Shenandoah near Stoney Creek, it being the same tract of land which was granted to the said Jacob Barb, Senr. by a deed from the Proprietors Office, bearing date of the 12th dat of Nov. A.D., 1805, and is bounded as followeth, to wit:-

BEGINNING at four pines on the top of a very high point of a ridge, corner to Abraham Sonefrank, thence by his line N. 35 W. 94 poles to two white oaks and a hickory, corner to Adam Sagger in the line of Peter Sagger, thence with the said Peter Sagger line No. 45 degrees E. 110 poles to two White Oaks, his corner, in the side of a ridge, thence leaving his line No. 81 degrees E. 27 poles to a stake near a blazed pine in George Foltz's line, etc. -----containing two hundred and forty-five acres, be the same more or less, and all houses, orchards, waters, etc.-----

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Jacob Barb, Senr. hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Jacob Barb.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

Adam Barb
Abraham Barb
his
Abraham X Sonefrank
mark

The reader will recall that, in the discussion of the origin of the name of Barb, it was shown that the family was noted for the physical prowess of its members. Now this physical prowess has carried down through all the generations even to the present, and had made itself manifest, chiefly in the long lives which a majority of its members have lived. It will be noted that Jacob Barb, the patriarchal head of the

American Family of Barbs, lived to the ripe old age of 101 years. It is known that most of his sons lived to be old, seventy, eighty or better, though their exact ages, at the time of their deaths, is unknown. It would appear, from information which the writer has gleaned from various sources that a great majority of the Barb descendants have lived to be at least seventy years of age, while a goodly number of them have attained to eighty and even ninety and better. It is possible that some of the readers may know of exceptions to this, but it is a safe guess that these exceptions, where they occur, are due to a Barb having married into a short-lived family, the longevity tendency in the resultant off-spring having thereby been neutralized, and their lives consequently shortened. But where members of the Barb family have intermarried with others, even approximately approaching their own sturdiness, many of their off-spring have easily lived to four score.

It is, therefore, doubtful if there can be found in America a family more noted for the longevity of its various members than the Barb family. To the writer's personal knowledge, Jacob Barb, who was born in 1713, has at least four great-grandchildren living at the present time (1932), and there are probably others of whom he does not know. These four are Mrs. Mary Barb Peel of Duncan, Oklahoma, who is now well in her eighties, enjoying good health, and as alert mentally as a young person. She is descended from Jacob Barb through his son Jacob, and his grandson, Elkanah Barb. She had a brother, Gustavus Henry Barb, of Ft. Worth Texas, who died about three years ago, in 1929, in the 87th year of his age, having enjoyed robust health up to the time of his death. Another great-grandchild is Mrs. Elizabeth Barb Baughman of McCauley, W. Va., who is descended from Jacob, through his son Abraham, and his grandson Abraham. She is now in her 94th year and still going strong. The other two are Dr. Porter W. Barbe of Oswego, Kansas, and his sister, Mrs. Phoebe A. Barbe Kibbee of Bristolville, Ohio. Dr. Barbe is in his 87th year and still actively engaged in the practice of medicine. Mrs. Kibbee is in her eighties and in good health. They had a brother, Martin J. Barbe of North Bristol, Ohio who died in 1930 in his 86th year.

When one pauses and reflects, and takes into consideration the transitory and uncertain state of our earthly existence, it does, indeed, seem a singular and remarkable fact that a man born 213 years ago, as Jacob Barb was, could have living great-grandchildren at the present time, but such is actually the case.

While Jacob Barb may not have left, as an inheritance, to his many descendants, any noted achievements on which to base his fame, nor any material accumulations of this earth's goods, he did transmit to them a far richer legacy in the way of sturdy, healthy bodies, and active alert minds, minds which continue active and alert up to the very end, no matter how long they may live.

Jacob Barb was as prolific as he was long-lived, and this characteristic he also transmitted in a marked degree to his off-spring. So much so, in fact, that it would appear that God might have been speaking to this modern Patriarch Jacob instead of the illustrious Patriarch Jacob of old, for whom he was named, when he said to him: - "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth: Thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south." (Genesis 28-14) No words could have been more prophetic than these of what has actually happened in the case of Jacob Barb. He reared seven sons and three daughters, most of whom had as many children as himself;

and whatever may have been the short-comings of him and his immediate descendants, contributing toward race suicide was certainly not one of them. This was by no means accidental but according to his wish and desire, and it is certain that old Jacob's bosom would swell with pride, if it were possible for him to return to earth and behold the large number of descendants who have sprung from him; descendants who are all his children, even as the Israelites were the children of the Biblical Jacob, and they all owe him as great a debt of gratitude for their being, as the Children of Israel owed to the Patriarch of old; and just as the Israelites would have never sprung into existence without the great Patriarch, so also would the descendants of Jacob Barb never have existed but for him. Jacob Barb is himself the one thing all his descendants have in common. In him all the branches of the Barb family in America unite, even as all the branches of a tree unite with its trunk. He is the one link which connects them all with unknown and unnumbered generations of ancestors in the Old World. And what a wonderful story could be written of these ancestors if the curtain which veils the secrets of the past could be lifted aside by some magic hand and reveal in their true light the various characters which in their turn have occupied the stage beyond!

Jacob Barb, as a distinct personality may be rather vague and even unknown to a large number of his descendants, but this detracts in no wise from the credit due him as the founder of a great line and name in the New World; a name which for distinctiveness and originality can not be surpassed anywhere; a name which has been borne by thousands of his descendants, and known to hundreds of thousands of people; a name which will continue gathering volume, generation after generation, until from Ocean to Ocean and the Gulf to the Great Lakes, there can scarce be found a person not familiar with it. No, Jacob's name may not be inscribed in the Book of Nations, and he may not be commemorated in stone and brass, but the name which he left to posterity, will carry on long after monuments of stone have crumbled into dust and statues of brass tumbled from their foundations. Indeed, it may, with truth, be said that the seed which this sturdy German pioneer planted in the Virginia wilderness, have borne ample fruit, and have "spread abroad to the North and to the South and to the East, and to the West", and that his blood will continue to flow through the veins of his descendants for a million years, or as long as human beings continue to occupy this globe. Not a bad tribute to pay to any man, and such a man needs nothing more to perpetuate the memory of his name.

ADAM BARB

Adam Barb was the oldest of Jacob Barb's children. He was born in Germany about 1748 and came with his father to this country when he was about five years old. He was married in Shenandoah County. His wife's maiden name is unknown, though her first name was Anna. He died in Shenandoah County in August, 1832. His will follows: -

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I, Adam Barb, of the County of Shenandoah and Commonwealth of Virginia, being weakly in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say, first, I give and bequeath unto my wife, Anna, one horse creature, one cow and four sheep, all at her election, and beside to have her full maintenance with the help of one

bed and bedsteads, one pot, one dozen spoons, dishes to answer her purpose, the same she is to have and enjoy as long as she remaineth my widow. All the rest of my estate, both real and personal, not herein before particular disposed of, I will and direct, may be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided among all my children, to wit: my sons, David and Adam and Jacob Barb and my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Peter Baker and Anna, the wife of Adam Sagger, Catherine, the wife of George Jones and Magdalene, which I give to them, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever, and lastly; I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, Adam and Jacob Barb, Executors of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Adam Barb.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared,
as and for, the last will and testament of the
above named Adam Barb in the presence of us as
witnesses.

Golforund Miller
Jacob Miller
John Pike
Henry Barb, Jr.

At a Court, held for the county of Shenandoah, on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1832, this, the last will and testament of Adam Barb, decd., was produced into Court and proved by the oaths of Jacob Miller and John Pike, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Jacob Barb, one of the Executors therein named, who was sworn and entered into bond with Adam Barb (of Abram), Joshua Barb, John Pike, and Jacob Miller, as his securities in the penalty of \$2000, conditioned according to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form, Adam Barb, the other Executor in said will named, appearing and refused in open Court to qualify as Executor of said Estate.

Teste: P. Williams, C. S. S. C.
Clerk.

Copy Teste: Loy J. Coffman

As shown by his will, Adam Barb had children as follows: -

David -- Married Elizabeth Cullers, Apr. 10, 1798
Adam --- Married Susannah Come, Nov. 13, 1798
Jacob
Elizabeth - Married Peter Baker
Anna --- Married Adam Sagger
Catherine - Married George Jones
Madalene

Of all Jacob Barb's children, Adam was the only one able to read and write. The fact that even he could do so, was, no doubt, due to his having been old enough to have received some schooling before his father brought him from Germany.

The present generation, growing up in the midst of our marvelous public school system, is likely to forget that this school system has not always existed. But no greater error could be made, for, at the period during which Jacob Barb's children were growing up, which was before and during the Revolutionary War, there were no public schools in any of the colonies, and in the remote rural districts, children did not have access to even private schools. And thus it was with the Barb children.

The reader must not, however, get the impression that because these early pioneers, who blazed the trail of civilization thru the American wilderness, were unlettered and untutored in the fine arts, they were dull and apathetic. Nothing could be further from the truth; for what they lacked in so-called book-learning was often more than compensated for, by their keenness of observation of all that transpired around them, and most modern scholars, with their knowledge of trigonometry and Greek, would be utterly dumb, if confronted with the problems these intrepid pioneers had to solve. No, illiteracy in those days must not be regarded as a reflection upon one's mental calibre or social status. To be illiterate then, with the great mass of the rural population, was the rule and not the exception, as at present; and it was largely this type of unlettered men who fought and won the American Revolution and gave to this great country of ours its independence.

ABRAHAM BARB

Abraham Barb, the second oldest son of Jacob Barb, was born in Germany about the year 1750, and came with his father to this country when he was about three years old. The writer has in his possession, a certified copy of a deed, showing where he and his brother, Adam, on Nov. 25, 1779, purchased from Antony Whitsel a tract of land in Shenandoah County, this deed being the earliest official record of the presence of the Barbs in Virginia. The following extract is taken from this deed: -

THIS INDENTURE made the eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and one, between Adam Barb and Ann, his wife, and Abraham Barb and Alse, his wife, of the County of Shenandoah and state of Virginia of the one part, and Nicholas Reader of the same county and state of the other part.

WITNESSETH that, for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars, current money of the United States, to the said Adam Barb and Abraham Barb, in hand paid by the said Nicholas Reader, etc:----- the said Adam Barb and Ann, his wife, and Abraham Barb and Alse, his wife, have granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed unto the said Nicholas Reader and his heirs, a certain parcel or tract of land, lying and being in the said County of Shenandoah, next to the little North Mountain and on the drafs of Stony Creek, it being part of a tract of land which was conveyed unto the said Adam Barb and Abraham Barb by Antony Whitsel and Elizabeth, his wife, by their certain indentures of lease and release, bearing date of the 24th and 25th days of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine ---

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Adam Barb and Ann, his wife, and Abraham Barb and Alse, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals,

the day and year first above written.

Adam Barb
her
Ann X Barb
mark his
Abraham X Barb
mark
her
Alse X Barb
mark

Abraham Barb was married twice. His first wife, who was the mother of all or at least a majority of his children, was named Alse, as shown by the above deed, whereas his widow, as shown in the settlement of his estate was named Eliza Catherine, who before her marriage to him was surnamed, Polk.

Abraham Barb died in Shenandoah Co., in Dec., 1817. Following is a copy of the Administration papers in the settlement of his estate, which was administered by his son, Adam: -

The estate of Abraham Barb deceased in account with Adam Barb, Administrator of the estate of Deceased.

1817		
December 20	To cash paid Thomas Hudson for crying decedent vendue	5.00
	" paid Jacob Nod writing at vendur &c.	5.00
1818		
March 31	" paid Joshua Barb for brandy for the use of vendue	5.00
July 25th	To paid Joshua Voltz, Nicholas D. Mak & Isaac Funkhouser each 50 cts. for appraising decedents estate	1.50
	" paid Williams clerk not for administration	.70
	" paying clerks note for recording appraisement	4.37
	For recording this account \$4.37. Order for settlement \$.62	4.99
	Administrator's commission on \$911 at 6 per cent	54.66
		<u>81.22</u>

To cash paid Eliza Catherine Barb widow of the deceased her third of the personal estate in full two receipts	276.63
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1818		
December 26	To cash paid Jacob Barb one of the sons & heirs of the decd in full as per receipt	50.30
28	To paid Jacob Moyer & Elizabeth his wife one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
	To paid Joshua Barb one of heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
	To paid Peter Reichman & Mary his wife one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
	To paid Christian Barb one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30

	To paid Abraham Barb one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
1819		
Jan. 12	To paid Susanna Barb one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
15	To paid John Spitler & Catharine his wife one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
20	To paid Peter Sayger and Anna his wife one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
Feb. 12	To paid John Barb one of the heirs in full as per receipt	50.30
		<u>50.30</u>
		\$60.85
	To the Administrator one share of said estate as being one of the heirs	50.26
	Per contra	Cr. \$911.11
1817 Dec. 19	By sundries sold at public vendue of the property first appraised at 9 months ore	583.26
	By cash found in his chest	29.54
	By sundry notes, which he held on sundry persons	158.88
	By sundrys the widow Eliza Catharine Barb took at the appraisement	78.08
	By book accounts against Abraham Barb	46.36
	By book accounts against Jacob Barb	6.00
	By book accounts against Joshua Barb	9.00
		<u>\$911.11</u>

In obedience to an order of the County Court of Shenandoah dated June Court, 1819, to us directed, the Abraham Rinker, Harry Weltzel and Jacob Rinker did meet and examine the above estate account of Abraham Barb, decd.; and we find the same truly stated, agreeable to receipts and vouchers, produced to us by Adam Barb, the administrator, and we find that the said Administrator has fully settled and paid up the said estate, Settled with the administrator the 20th day of December, 1819.

Abraham Rinker
F. L. Weltzel Commissioners
Jacob Rinker

At a Court continued and held for the County of Shenandoah on Tuesday the 8th day of February, 1820, this settlement of the estate of Abraham Barb, decd., was returned examined by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

P. Williams, C. C. S. CC
Clerk,

Copy Teste: Loy J. Coffman

The above administration shows Abraham Barb to have had the following children: -

Adam
Jacob
Abraham
Joshua
Christian
John - Married Mary Sayer, Sept. 11, 1798

Mary, wife of Peter Reichman
Catherine, wife of John Spitler
Anna, wife of Peter Sagger
Susannah

ELIZABETH, wife of JACOB MOSER

One rather amusing item, in the settlement of the above estate, reads as follows: "March 31, 1818, Paid Joshua Barb \$5.00 for brandy for the use of the vendue." It would appear from the above notation that these early forebears were not averse to partaking at least occasionally of the "cup that cheers."

Abraham Barb has a large number of descendants, many of whom still live in Shenandoah Co., Va., within a short distance of the old Jacob Barb plantation on Stoney Creek; but the vast majority of them are widely scattered. The writer has made no effort to trace down these descendants. However, of Abraham's children, he knows that Abraham, Jr. married Rebecca Bullinger and had the following children: - Amelia, James, Levi, Abraham, Mary Ann, David, Susannah, Rebecca, and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Baughman and is still living in McCaulay, W. Va., in her 94th year. James H. and Benjamin Barbe of Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va., are sons of the above named David. James H. Barbe says in a letter, "My father's name was David. He had three brothers, two of whom (James and Levi) went west, and their descendants are widely scattered." Jesse C. Barbe of Harrisonburg, Va., is descended from Abraham Barb through his son, Abraham (b. 1788) and his grandson, Abraham (b. 1822, m. Mary Catherine Baughman).

Abraham's son, Joshua Barb, had issue as follows: Godfrey, Noah, Daniel, Simeon, and Elizabeth. The writer knows nothing definite of the descendants of any of these, save Daniel, who was born near Woodstock, Va., May 13, 1841 and died near Alton, Kansas, Feb. 21, 1925, in his 84th year. He married Ellen Moser, who bore him the following children: John, Frank, Alvin, Sadie, and Mollie. Of these, Frank was born at Fairhope, Pa., Apr. 23, 1869, married Della Johnson, and had issue: Clark F. and Everett C. Clark F. Barb was born near Alton, Kansas, July 5, 1897. He married Fern Earl, lives in Golden, Colo., and has issue: Denver M., (b. in Alton, Kans., Jan. 30, 1921), Betty Ann, (b. in Denver, Colo., May 8, 1924) and Shirley Patricia (b. in Denver, August 20, 1926). Everett C. Barb was born in Alton, Kansas, Mar. 7, 1900, married Bernice Newbrey and has a son, Cecil, born in Alton, April, 1931.

HENRY BARB

Henry Barb was born in Germany and was one of the three children of Jacob Barb, born in that country and brought with him to America in the year 1753. The date of his birth, as well as that of all of Jacob Barb's children, is unknown, but it is fairly certain that he was born in the early seventeen-fifties, and was an infant when brought to this country. His two elder brothers, Abraham and Adam, were at that time, probably approximately three and five years of age respectively. A partial census of Virginia made in 1785 shows Adam Barb to have had, at that time, six children, and Abraham to have had five. Adam having six children in 1785, could have been married scarcely less than twelve years, which would make the date of his marriage not later than 1773, and probably a few years earlier. It is therefore apparent that he could

not have been born much later than 1750. He was probably born about 1748, ~~Adam~~ about 1750, and Henry about 1752. It is certain that Henry also was married and had a family at the time the census was taken, but as the census records are far from complete, his name happens not to occur. Had he not had a family then, all seven of his children could scarcely have been married at the time of his death in 1819, as his will shows them to have been. His father, Jacob's name appears in the census list and the record shows that he had five persons in his family. This number probably included himself, his wife, and three grown, or nearly grown, unmarried children. It is known that two of his sons, William and Jacob, were not married at that time. They were; no doubt, living at home with their father and were among his younger, if not his youngest children. Henry married Catherine Winegardner in Shenandoah County, where he died in Sept. 1819, a few days before the death of his father Jacob, who in his declining years made his home with him. Following is a copy of his will: -

HENRY BARB'S WILL

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I; Henry Barb, of the County of Shenandoah and Commonwealth of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God), and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following: that is to say, first, I give and bequeath unto my son, Henry Barb, his heirs and assigns forever, all my plantation and lands containing one hundred and forty-two acres, more or less, lying and being in the said County of Shenandoah on Mill Creek, where I and my said son, Henry, now live, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, but nevertheless my said son, Henry Barb, shall suffer my wife, Catherine, to live in the dwelling house we now live in, on said plantation, and shall find and provide for her a comfortable maintenance, finding and providing for her every necessary as well in sickness as in health, for and during her natural life.

I also give unto my said son, Henry Barb, my wagon and geeps thereunto belonging. Items, I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Gideon Barb (son of my son, Henry Barb), my new desk. All the rest of my estate both real and personal not herein before particularly disposed of, I will and direct may be sold and the money, arising, from the sale thereof, to be equally divided among all my children to wit: -

My sons, William Barb and Henry Barb, and my daughters, Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Wocker, Coby, the wife of Jacob Haltinan, Peggy the wife of Adam For, Susanna, the wife of Christian Goodnight, Lydia, the wife of John Lutz, and Rachel, the wife of Daniel Haltinan, which I give to them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. AND LASTLY, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Henry Barb, and my friend, George Weaver, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills or testaments by me heretofore made; IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this fourteenth day of July, in the year, eighteen hundred and nineteen.

Signed, sealed, published & declared as & for)	his
the last will and testament of the above named)	Henry X Barb (Seal)
Henry Barb in presence of us.)	mark

William Good
Benjamin Coffman
his
Philip X Sayger
mark

At a Court held for the county of Shenandoah on Monday the 13th day of September, 1819, the last will and testament of Henry Barb, decd., was produced to the Court and proved by the affirmations of William Good and Benjamin Coffman, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Henry Barb and George Weaver, the Executors therein named, who made oath according to law and entered into bond with William Good and Joshua Foltz, their securities, in the penal sum of \$2500, conditioned as the law directs, a certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form is granted them.

Testa^f: P. Williams, C. C. S. C.
Copy Test^es: Loy J. Coffman Clerk

According to Henry Barb's will, which was administered by his son Henry Barb, Jr., and his friend, George Weaver, he had the following children: -

Henry
William
Coby, wife of Jacob Haltiman
Peggy, wife of Adam Ford
Susannah, wife of Christian Goodnight
Lydia, wife of John Lutz
Rachel, wife of Daniel Haltiman
Elizabeth " " Henry Wacker

Henry Barb, Jr. and William Barb, his brother, a few years after their father's death, about the year 1830, moved from the Shenandoah Valley across the Allegheny Mountains. William settled near Weston, W. Va. He had one son, Peter, and two daughters, one of whom married William Fisher, while the other married John Lynch. Peter Barb had the following children: Silas, William, Phillip, Abram, Stansberry, Hester, Jeanette (McLane) Anne (Bennett). Peter's descendants are now widely scattered, living in California, Illinois, Florida, Kansas, Nebraska, and other states. Henry Barb, Jr. was born August 15, 1788 and married Sarah Miller. After leaving Shenandoah County in 1830, he settled near Morgantown, W. Va., where he died in 1841. He left the following children: all of whom were born in Shenandoah Co., Va.: - Gideon, Rosanna, Jeremiah, Jesse, Catherine, Henry, John and William (twins), Jacob, and Sally.

Clyde D. Barbe of Morgantown, W. Va., already referred to, is descended from Henry Barb, Jr., through his son, Jeremiah Barbe, and his grandson, George Barbe, while Waitman T. Barbe, also previously mentioned, was descended from Henry Barb, Jr., through his son, John Barbe. Waitman T. Barbe, had one brother, J. McKelvery Barbe, and several sisters. Dr. Waitman Barbe was born in Monongalia Co., W. Va., Nov. 19, 1864, and graduated from the University of W. Va. in 1889. He was professor of English Literature in that University, and an author of considerable note. Being field man for the University for many years, he probably knew more people than any other man now in the state. He married, June 6, 1894 Clara Louise Gould, who survives him and is at present, Matron of the State Hospital at Weston, W. V a. Dr. Barbe died Oct. 30, 1925, leaving no issue.

WILLIAM BARB

William Barb was one of the youngest of Jacob Barb's children, and was born in Shenandoah Co., Va., about the year, 1767. He married Barbara Sager, March 29, 1791, and moved to North Bristol, Trumbull Co. Ohio, in the spring of 1805, and bought a large farm there. He had issue as follows:

Peter
Gabriel
Jacob
William
Mary
Abram (Abraham)

Peter Barb had so far as the writer knows, only one son, Simeon, who was the father of the late Mrs. Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin of Cincinnati. Gabriel Barb had two sons, Isaac and Henry. Jacob had at least one son, Gabriel. Many of the descendants of the above named still live near the old William Barb homestead in Trumbull Co., Ohio, while others are widely scattered.

The first five of William's children were born in Va. The last one, Abram, was born in Trumbull Co., Ohio, Sept. 17, 1809. Abram had twelve children, six boys and six girls, two of whom, Dr. Porter W. Barbe and Mrs. Phoebe A. Barbe Kibbee are still living. These last two are great grandchildren of Jacob Barb, the founder of the Barb Family in America, and who was born in Germany 213 years ago. The writer has already spoken of this remarkable example of longevity in a family. Dr. Porter W. Barbe was born near Bristolville, Trumbull Co., Ohio, June 27, 1846. He is now in his 87th year, lives in Oswego, Kansas, and is still actively engaged in the practice of medicine. His sister, Mrs. Phoebe A. Barbe Kibbee, was born Dec. 12, 1850. She is now 81 years of age, is in good health and lives in Bristolville, Ohio. Dr. Porter W. Barb, had a brother, Martin J. Barbe, who has been dead only two years. He was born Oct. 5, 1844, and died Jan. 15, 1930, in his 86th year. Following is a letter written by him about four months before his death, and which is regarded as of sufficient interest to quote in full: -

North Bristol, Ohio
Sept. 18, 1929

Mr. Waverly Barbe,
Franklin, Ky.

Dear Sir:

My cousin Mrs. Eckstine called on me recently to see if I could aid her in answering your letter of inquiry of recent date. After some urging she prevailed upon me to answer the same for her, I being many years her senior and having been personally acquainted with Mrs. McLaughlin from her girlhood to the time of her death. She was a grand daughter of Peter Barbe, and has been dead for several years. She once visited Metz, Germany for the purpose of getting the history of her great, great grandfather's family. He came from there to America prior to the Revolutionary war. His son, William, my grandfather came from Shenandoah Co., Va., with his family consisting of a wife, four sons, and one daughter, and settled in Bristol in the spring of 1805. The names of the sons were Peter, Gabriel, Jacob, and William, the daughter

was Mary. My father, Abram, the youngest of the family was born Sept. 17, 1809. I was born, Oct. 5, 1844, one of a family of twelve, six boys and six girls. Two boys and one girl are now living, I being the oldest. I have been acquainted with a large number of the Barb's. I never knew one whose ancestors came from France but from Germany. Perhaps I should have mentioned the object of Mrs. McLaughlin's visit to Metz was hoping to establish title to a vast estate located there. This having proved untrue, she never wrote a history of the Barb's. This I learned directly from her. She visited in my house several times after her visit to Germany, so I had the opportunity of talking the matter over with her. I realize the fact I have made a rather poor reply to your inquiries. You will kindly make allowances for feebleness of age and recent illness. I would suggest that you write, Clyde D. Barbe, of Morgantown, W. Va. He may be able to give you some further information.

Very truly yours,
Martin J. Barbe

Mrs. Ollie Barbe Eckstine of Bristolville, Ohio, who has already been referred to, and who has aided the writer very materially in securing this data, is descended from Jacob Barb through his son, William Barb, his grandson, William Barb, Jr., and his great grandson Hoc Barb, who was born Feb. 5, 1818 and died Jan. 29, 1889. She was born June 2, 1856, is now in her 77th year, and lives within half a mile of the old original plantation of her great-grandfather, William Barb, Sr. She had one brother, William Henry Barbe.

Another descendant of the William Barb branch of the Barb family in America, worthy of very special mention is the late Mrs. Clive A. Barbe McLaughlin of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was descended from Jacob Barb through his son, William, his grandson, Peter, and his great-grandson, Simeon Barb. Due to her activities, extending over almost half a century, in collecting data for a history of the Barb family, she is much more widely known among the Barb descendants than any other member of the Barb family. She devoted almost the whole of her life to the gathering of data of a history of the family, but died in 1925, without having written it. The following letter written by her daughter, Esther B. McLaughlin of New York City, in response to inquiries about the data her mother had collected, is rather enlightening: -

51 E. 53rd St.
New York City
Dec. 13, 1931

Mr. Waverly Barbe,
Franklin, Ky.

Dear Cousin Waverly:-

After my mother passed away, my sister, Bertha (Mrs. Robt. W. Gates of Cincinnati) took the data, consisting of three trunks full, to her house. While she was away, vandals broke in, and threw the papers in the air, apparently looking for money. I do not believe anything was lost, but it certainly was mixed up.

My mother began her researches back in the seventies. She made many trips to gather data and spent a fortune on it. Some members of the family, therefore, feel, in view of this, that they do not wish to give away the results of her research. However, if I had my way, I would turn it all over to you. Now I would advise you to keep up some

form of connection with my sister, Bertha, and maybe in time you will secure what you ask for.

Your cousin,
Esther D. McLaughlin

There is, no doubt, tied up in those three trunks, spoken of above, a great deal of valuable information which, if systematized and published, would be of intense interest to thousands of Barb descendants, and it is to be sincerely hoped that Mrs. Gates will alter her present attitude, and either publish the data herself or turn it over to someone else to publish. I, for one, would like to suggest that she allow Waverly Barbe, to whom the above letter was written, to take charge of it. He is intensely interested in Barb genealogy, is very capable, and would make a wonderful job of it. If she is holding it because she thinks it is of monetary value, I am sure she is laboring under false impressions; because writing genealogies, instead of being a money-making proposition, is, to say the very least, a decidedly expensive hobby. It is doubtful whether such a work ever pays for even the cost of publication to say nothing of remunerating its compiler for the money spent in collecting the data and the almost unbelievable amount of work connected with getting it together.

It is rather difficult to understand just why Mrs. McLaughlin never wrote her Genealogy of the Descendants of Jacob Barb, for the task must have been dear to her heart. The following is taken from a letter, bearing date of January, 1914, written by Mrs. McLaughlin to one of the Barb descendants, eleven years before her death: -

"I have my Barbe Genealogy packed up and am unable to do anything much just now, but it is strange how I have stuck to my job all these years. Before I finish, I'll have to spend some time in Virginia looking up records to complete the various branches."

This letter was signed,

"Your affectionate kinswoman,
Olive A. Barbe McLaughlin."

ISAAC BARB

Isaac Barb, another of Jacob's sons, was born in Shenandoah Co., Va., about 1760. He was married there and in 1809 moved across the Allegheny Mountains, and settled near Morgantown, W. Va., where he reared a large family of children, all of whom were girls. He has a large number of descendants, but since the Barb name has long been extinct among them, the writer feels that they are of little interest to those who still retain the ancient family name. Nor would they be much interested in an account of the Barb(e) Family in America, since it is more than likely that the majority of them are not now even cognizant of the fact that they are descended from the Barbs. The same is also true of the descendants of Jacob's daughters, Mary, Ann, and Elizabeth, about whom no mention will be made in these notes.

It is generally noted that relatives, bearing a common surname, have as a rule, a more kindly regard for each other than those who have different names, even tho the relationship in the latter case may be closer. There seems to be a feeling, either conscious or subconscious, that they are more closely related, that they have more in common. This is, moreover, a perfectly natural feeling, for there is, in fact, much to justify this mutual esteem and attachment, which they bear each other.

There is no getting away from the fact that persons, bearing the same surname and descended from a long line of common ancestors, are decidedly related and do have much in common, whether they be rated as first cousins or fifteenth cousins.

While not a subject of any great vital or material importance, to most people there is something of more than passing interest in a history of their surname and of those antecedents who have borne it for ten, twenty, or thirty generations before them. It is only natural then that those who share this common legacy, which has been handed down to them through the successive generations, from remote and usually unknown ancestors, should have a sort of clannish relationship. And thus it is with the descendants of Jacob Barb, who may rather appropriately be regarded as belonging to and members of the "Jacob Barb Clan".

PETER BARB

Peter Barb was born in Shenandoah Co., Va., perhaps only a few years after his father, Jacob, settled there in the seventeen-fifties. Little definite is known of him. That he was living in 1819 at the time of his father's death, is shown by the fact that he was allotted a full child's share in the settlement of Jacob's estate. According to the very best information which the writer has been able to obtain, he had at least one son, Moses Barb.

The Shenandoah Valley, where these Barbs lived, and which was destined later to play such an important role in the Civil War, seemed too small to hold them all; so Moses, following the example of so many of his kinsmen, moved across the Allegheny Mountains, and settled in what is now Monongalia Co., W. Va., but which was then a part of the state of Va. The reader will recall that that portion of Va., lying west of the mountains, separated itself from the rest of the state on the question of secession, and in 1863 formed the new state of West Virginia. In 1831, Moses sold his land in Monongalia Co., and moved to Webster Co., and in 1838 he settled near Rockcave, in Upshur, W. Va. He had two sons, Harve and Peter. Harve never married. Peter married a Miss Golden; and had ten sons: - Moses, William, Thomas, Peter, Boliver, Dave, James, Newton, Patrick, and George. There are at present a large number of Barbs throughout W. Va. and other states descended from these ten sons of Peter Barb.

JACOB BARB

Jacob Barb, Jr. is, of all the children of Jacob Barb, Sr. of most interest to the writer, for it is from him that he is descended. Jacob was born in Shenandoah Co., Va. about 1765. He was married to Barbara Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller (Mueller), in Shenandoah County about 1790, and moved, soon thereafter to Augusta Co., Va., settling near Staunton, where several of his children were born, and where he continued to live till 1802, when he removed to Washington Co., Va. The old records in the Court House at Abingdon, Va., show that he bought land in Washington Co. early in the year, 1803, and that he was a resident of that county at the time the purchase was made, this being the earliest official record of his presence in that section of the State.

The following extract of a deed, recorded in Deed Book No. 3, page 57 in the Court House at Abingdon, Va., shows the purchase referred

to above: -

"THIS INDENTURE made the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1803, between Robert Preston, Jun. of the County of Washington, State of Virginia, of the one part and Jacob Barb of the said county and state of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said Robert Preston, Jun., for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars, does bargain and sell to the said Jacob Barb, three hundred and fifty acres of land in Washington Co., bounded as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a white oak sapling and two black oaks on a spur, corner to Thomas Elliott's, thence N. 43 W. 300 poles to a hickory and white oak, corner to Henry Sphar's land, thence S. 11 W. 18 poles to a dogwood, S. 4 W. 46 poles to a Spanish oak, S. 46 W. 76 poles to a maple and two hickory saplings on the north side of the second ridge, N. 58 poles to a hickory and white oak by a spring and a branch, corner to Samuel Hensley, and with his line S. 3 W. 101 poles, crossing two branches to a poplar and hickory sapling, corner to William King, etc. to the beginning."

It was on the above described tract of land that Jacob Barb built the ancestral home.

Within the next few years he made additional purchases of land lying adjacent to this tract, both in Washington Co., and in Sullivan Co. Tenn., so that his plantation was rather large and extended into both states. A part of his plantation was described as lying on the headwaters of Reedy Creek, and both sides of Reedy Creek Road. After his family had all grown up, he sold several portions of it to his various sons and sons-in-law, as witnesseth the following extracts of deeds: -

"THIS INDENTURE made this 20th day of March, A.D., 1827, between Jacob Barb, Senr. of the Co. of Washington, State of Va. of the one part and Isaac Barb of the aforesaid County and State of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said Jacob Barb, Senr. for and in consideration of the sum of \$1200.00 to him in hand paid, doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Isaac Barb and his heirs a certain tract or parcel of land in Washington Co. lying on both sides of Reedy Creek Road and containing 150 acres, etc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Jacob Barb has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal, the year and day first above written.

his
Jacob X Barb
mark

Another deed shows that on Mar. 20, 1827, Jacob Barb, Senr. of Washington Co. sold to John Barb of Tenn. a tract of land lying on both sides of the Reedy Creek Road, containing 51 acres. On the same day, Mar. 20, 1827, he sold to another son, Jacob Barb, Jr. two certain tracts or parcels of land lying on and near Reedy Creek Road, containing 51 acre more or less. The tracts of land sold these three sons adjoined each other. On the 29th day of Sept. 1835, he sold to his son-in-law Walter Johnson, a certain tract of land, lying on the head water of Reedy Creek.

The deeds to the lands in Washington Co. to which Jacob Barb was a party, give a rather interesting picture of the flora as well as the topography of the section in which he made his home and reared his large family. It is scant wonder that growing up in such wholesome and healthy environment, his children even able to transmit undiminished to their descendants the vigor and prolificness, which they had inherited in so ample a degree from their sturdy father, and grandfather, Jacob I and Jacob II.

The following different species of trees were designated by the surveyors as markers for the various lines and corners of Jacob Barb's lands all of which are undoubtedly familiar to most of his descendants, particularly those (and I believe that is almost all), who have grown up in the South:- Whiteoak; hickory, dogwood, Spanish oak, maple, poplar, blackoak, spicewood; ash, walnut, locust, sassafras, chestnut, sourwood, thornbush, mulberry, and apple-tree.

The surveyor also mentions, besides various other physical features of Jacob's lands, several springs, as, for instance, "west 28 poles, passing between two springs, to a rock at the head of said springs." One, in his mind's eye, can almost see at the foot of some rugged rock, the water, clear, cool, and pure, gushing forth from the deep recesses of the earth, its chief source of supply, being the melting snow and bounteous rainfall on the slopes of the not distant Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains. It is also easy to vision Jacob and his sons, on warm summer days, when the Virginia sun had quickened their thirst, refreshing themselves by drinking copiously from these crystal founts. One can further picture these spring branches, mentioned by the surveyor, wending their way through Jacob's meadows, a never-failing source of water supply to his cows, horses, and other live-stock. The writer repeats, it is slight wonder that Jacob's sons, having as a birthright the natural Barb vitality coupled with such environment as this in which to grow up, lived to be octogenarians, and that he, himself, although born several years before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, should have at the present writing (1932) living grandchildren.

As stated above, his plantation extended into Sullivan County, Tenn., but the Barb home where several of his younger children were born, was a short distance inside the line of Washington Co., Va., only a few miles from Bristol, which is also in both Va. and Tenn. Here, in a beautiful valley, surmounted by the Allegheny Mountains on the west and the Blue Ridge on the east, in one of the most beautiful and picturesque sections of America, Jacob Barb made his home, and here he continued to live till his death almost half a century later. Here he reared his large family of six sons and four daughters, giving them all the educational advantages the time and means afforded, an opportunity which had been denied himself, for he like all his brothers except his oldest brother, Adam, was unable to read and write, as is shown by the fact that his will and all his deeds were signed with his mark. Waverly Barbo, after a recent visit to Washington Co., thus writes: - "One day I walked across the hill in the rear of my grandfather's farm and over into the old Barb territory, in which William Barb and Mrs. Stoffel now live. When I looked down into the valley in which Jacob Barb settled, you have no idea what a really beautiful aspect it presented, with the huge snow-covered mountains in Tenn. rising in the background."

Jacob Barb died in February, 1845, and was buried in the church yard of Lower Zion Lutheran Church, a short distance from his plantation and where, a few years later, his wife Barbara, was laid to rest at his side. The following is quoted from a letter written by William Barb, of Route 4, Bristol, Tenn:- "Our great grand-parents (Jacob & Barbara Barb) are buried in the church yard where I attend church. There are no tombstones to their graves. A rock wall was built around them, but that is all broken and fallen in now."

The writer feels that it is not too late, even now, to rectify this apparent over-sight and neglect of the shrine of this venerable pair, to whom so many of us, owe so much, even our very lives; for not one of the many descendants of Jacob Barb and Barbara Miller, would have ever existed, but for them. The writer, for one, would be glad to make a contribution toward a fund to be used for repairing their graves and properly marking them.

As has already been stated, Jacob Barb, like all the first three generations of Barbs in this country, was a member of the Lutheran Church and a true Christian gentleman. The born of German emigrant parents, he was a native son of the South and most likely in sympathy with its institutions, but he apparently had some misgivings, either religious or otherwise, as to the correctness of the institution of Slavery. This is shown by the fact that, in his will, he directed that his only slave, his negro girl, Susanah, should at his death be set free.

Following is Jacob Barb's will:-

Washington County, Virginia:

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Jacob Barb, being in proper condition of sound mind, do make my last Will and Testament. First, I desire that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid. Second, I desire that my wife, Barbara, shall have a certain tract or parcel of land, bounded as follows, lying on the east side of the Kentucky road, said line to begin at a mulberry tree in a lane, running from my barn to the widow Whitemans, thence from said mulberry tree with the fence north east to Isaac Stoffles land, thence with the said Stoffles line to the widow Whitemans line, unto the widow Decks, thence with the widow Decks line to a poplar corner, thence to a corner in a hollow, a forked ash; thence to the place of beginning, also Twenty-five dollars in cash, two beds and bedsteads and furniture, one choice cow of my flock, one weavers loom, three choice hogs, three choice sheep, and all the necessaries of the aforesaid loom; one kitchen dresser, one-half of all my dresser and cupboard furniture, one choice chest, one oven, one pot, one skillet, one frying pan, three chairs, wheat and corn enough for her support one year. At her death or marriage, I desire that all the property that I have willed to my widow to be sold on a twelve month credit and equally divided among all my surviving heirs, I desire that one hundred and fifty acres of land of my home plantation be sold in one body and the remainder of my land to be sold in two parcels, all to be sold at a twelve months credit and equally divided between all my surviving heirs, also all my property of every description, that is of value, to be sold at a twelve months credit and equally divided between all my heirs, except my negro girl, Susanah. I desire, at my death that she be set free and I further desire for her to have her bed that she now lies on. Given under my hand this the 16th of Octo. 1841 - signed in the presence of

his
Jacob X Barb
mark

Test,
E. R. Sims
Wm. Felty

At a court held for Washington County the 24th day of February 1845.

The last Will and Testament of Jacob Barb, deceased, was proved in court by the oath of Elisha R. Sims, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto - And at a Court continued and held for Washington County the 27th day of February, 1845 - it was further proved in court by the oath of William Felty, the other subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded. There being no executor named in the said Will, and it appearing to the Court that Barbara Barb, the widow of the said Jacob, is not of sound mind: Therefore, on the motion of Isaac Barb and Walter Johnson, who took oath of an administrator, with the Will annexed, prescribed by law, and entered into and acknowledged their bond in the sum of Eight Thousand dollars with William Johnson and George Shaffer, their securities, conditioned as the law directs: A certificate is therefore granted them for the obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said Jacob Barb deceased with the Will annexed in due form.

Testes:
R. H. Lynch, D. C.

A. copy - Teste:
G. I. Miller,
Deputy Clerk

Washington County, Virginia
Will Book No. 9, page 394.

It will be noted that, in the legal proceedings connected with the proving of Jacob's Will and the appointing of an administrator, some ignorant or "fresh" court clerk records that "it appears to the court that Barbara Barb, widow of the said Jacob, is not of sound mind." One cannot but wonder what he expected of a poor old lady, who was at least seventy-five or perhaps eighty years of age, and who was in a crowded courtroom, probably for the first time in her life. No doubt, the poor dear soul was somewhat dazed and scarcely knew what it was all about. And all this perhaps the very next day after she had looked upon the face of her beloved Jacob for the last time in this world and watched him lowered into his grave. One cannot help but feel how contemptible this clerk was for making such a notation. How much better it would have been for him to have stated the simple truth, and said that it appeared to the Court that the widow, Barbara Barb, was too old and feeble to undertake the arduous task of administering her deceased husband's estate. Moreover, it would have certainly been a most unusual thing for a court to have appointed a feeble and inexperienced old lady as an administratrix, when there were several grown sons and sons-in-law living near by, who would be far better qualified for the work. The court, as shown in the proof of the will, did the logical thing by appointing Jacob's son, Isaac, and his son-in-law, Walter Johnson, as administrators of his estate. Altho the court appointed Isaac and Walter Johnson, both the appraisal and the bill of sale of the personal property of Jacob Barb, deceased, show the administrators to have been

Jacob Barb, Jr. and Walter Johnson. This would seem to indicate that Isaac Barb, after having been designated by the court, had, for some reason, declined to serve, and that his brother, Jacob, had later been appointed to serve as the second administrator.

Jacob Barb's will was unusual in that it merely mentions his heirs without naming them. In all other wills with which the writer is familiar, the children have all been specifically named. Fortunately, several records have been made and kept of his children. The list of them appearing below, together with the dates of their birth, was copied from the old family Bible of his son, Isaac Barb. It is easy to see that Jacob was a "chip off the old block", because the majority of his sons were given identically the same names his father Jacob's sons had borne.

The following list of descendants may, at first appearance, seem hopelessly jumbled, but a little careful attention to the numbering will very soon clarify matters. Take for instance, Glenn Barbe (No. 147). It will at once be noted that he is a son of Frank Barbe (No. 109). Running back the numbers to 109, it is shown that Frank Barbe is a son of Francis M. Barbe (No. 52). Referring back to No. 52, it will be seen that Francis M. Barbe is a son of Lacy Johnson Barbe (No. 19) who is a son of Jacob Barb (No. 6) who in turn is a son of Jacob and Barbara Barb. This latter Jacob is again in turn the son of Jacob Barb, the founder of the Barb(e) Family in America. It, therefore, at once becomes evident that they are no new-comers in this country.

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB AND BARBARA MILLER BARB
BEARING THE BARB(E) NAME.

Children of Jacob and Barbara Barb:

1. Abraham (Abram) Barb, b. Dec. 4, 1791
2. Lydia Barb, b. Jan. 2, 1794
3. Rebecca Barb, b. Jan. 4, 1796
4. Isaac Barb, b. Dec. 11, 1797
5. Catherine Barb, b. June 9, 1800
6. Jacob Barb, b. Aug. 1, 1803
7. John Barb, b. Feb. 2, 1806
8. Peter Barb, b. May 26, 1808
9. Mary Barb, b. Feb. 8, 1811
10. Elkanah Barb, b. Jan. 11, 1814

1. Abraham Barb was born in Augusta County, Virginia, Dec. 4, 1791. He married, in Washington County, Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Rev. Adam Miller, Sr., a pioneer of Lutheranism in western Virginia and East Tennessee. A few years after their marriage they moved to McMinn County, Tennessee, and purchased a large tract land on Middle Creek. On this farm a church was organized under the name of St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Abram Barb served in the War of 1812 as an ensign in Capt. Abraham Fulkerson's Company, Seventh Regiment (Sanders') Virginia Militia. Issue:
 11. James Columbus Barb
 12. Francis Barb

2. Lydia Barb was born in Augusta County, Virginia, Jan. 2, 1794. She married, in Washington County, a Mr. Lacy.
3. Rebecca Barb was born in Augusta County, Virginia, Jan. 4, 1796. She married Isaac Thomas. They lived in Tennessee. Some of these Thomases are prominent and well-to-do people and live in Dallas, Tex.
4. Isaac Barb was born in Augusta County, Virginia, Dec. 11, 1797. He married, in Sullivan County, Tenn., Jan. 30, 1827, Elizabeth Droke. She was born Nov. 30, 1809, and died July 12, 1879. He died Oct. 23, 1874. They lived in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Issue:
 13. James Droke Barb, b. Nov. 13, 1827
 14. Catherine Barb, b. Feb. 11, 1829.
 15. John Barb, b. Oct. 9, 1830.
 16. Mary Barbara Barb, b. April 16, 1832
 17. Jacob Barb, b. June 5, 1835.
 18. Gideon Barb, b. Sept. 17, 1837.
5. No record of Catherine Barb; probably died unmarried.
6. Jacob Barb was born in Washington County, Virginia, Aug. 1, 1803. He married, 1831, Mrs. Elizabeth (Kendrick) Miller, daughter of Thomas Kendrick of Washington County. They lived in Washington Co., Va. He died about 1845, and his wife afterward married a Mr. Stamper. Issue:
 19. Lacy Johnson Barb, b. Dec. 27, 1832.
 20. Jacob Barb, b. 1834 (?)
7. John Barb lived in Tennessee and also owned land in Washington Co. He probably married and left descendants, but if so, they are unknown to the writer.
8. No record of Peter Barb; perhaps died young.
9. Mary Barb was born in Washington County, Feb. 3, 1811. She married Sept. 14, 1830, Walter Johnson. She died Mar. 25, 1870, in Washington County, Virginia.
10. Elkanah Barb was born in Washington County, Va., Jan. 11, 1814. He married in Richmond (Henrico County), Virginia, Nov. 1832, Louisa Davis. She was born in Richmond, Aug. 21, 1812, the daughter of Dr. Thomas Davis. For about a year after his marriage he lived in Sullivan County, Tennessee. He then moved to Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama, where he was manager and over-seer of a large plantation belonging to a Judge Lane. He lived there until 1851, when he removed with his family to Independence County, Arkansas, where he bought a large farm near the town of Batesville. Finally, in 1871, the family settled in Denton County, Texas, where he died, Feb. 6, 1894. Louisa Davis Barb died in Denton, Texas, Mar. 17, 1872. Issue:
 21. Katherine Ann Barb, b. Aug. 26, 1833
 22. Emily Tinsley Barb, b. Nov. 10, 1835; died 1852
 23. Louisa Lovelette Barb, b. May 17, 1838
 24. Thomas Jacob Barb, b. Mar. 22, 1842
 25. Gustavus Henry Barb, b. Aug. 28, 1843
 26. Martha Lane Barb, b. Sept. 29, 1845
 27. Elkanah Abraham Barb, b. Jan. 18, 1847; died 1855
 28. Mary Eliza Barb, b. Jan. 4, 1850

11. James Columbus Barb lived at one time in Whitestown, Indiana. He was a Lutheran minister. Issue:
29. James Ernest Barb
30. Elsie Barb
31. Ida Barb
32. Berta Barb
33. Emma Barb
34. John Mimis Barb
12. Francis Barb lived near Athens, Tenn. Issue:
35. Will Barb
36. Henry Barb
37. James Barb
13. James Droke Barb married, May 2, 1850, Armina Whitaker. They moved to Texas County, Missouri, about 1856. She was born Nov. 1829 and died in 1925. He died April 26, 1863. Issue:
38. David Charles Barb, b. July 1, 1851
39. Isaac Barb, b. 1855
40. Mary Barb
41. Martha Barb
14. Catherine Barb never married. She died Mar. 3, 1901, Sullivan Co, Tenn.
15. John Barb m. Oct. 5, 1854, Eliza Jane Leonard, who was b. Mar. 4, 1835. They lived in Hancock County, Tenn. He died Jan. 9, 1889.
16. Mary Barbara Barb m., Aug. 23, 1859, Isaac E. D. Stoffel. He was born Nov. 18, 1836 and died Sept. 13, 1865. They lived in Sullivan County, Tenn., where she died Feb. 5, 1907.
17. Jacob Barb married, Nov. 1, 1859, Sarah Jane Stoffel, who was born Nov., 1838. They lived in Washington County, Virginia. He died Jan. 17, 1903, and she died Dec. 21, 1900. Issue:
42. Martha Ellen Barb, b. Aug. 30, 1860.
43. Louisa Frances Barb, b. July 5, 1863.
44. William Barb, b. April 19, 1866.
45. Isaac Barb, b. Jan. 21, 1869.
46. John Ensor Barb, b. Jan. 21, 1869
47. Robert James Barb, b. Dec. 17, 1871.
48. Edward Emanuel Barb, b. Apr. 2, 1875.
18. Gideon Barb m., Nov. 9, 1858, Ellen Miller, who was born July 8, 1838. He died Jan. 31, 1863. Issue:
49. Lafayette Barb
50. Franklin Barb
19. Lacy Johnson Barbe was born Dec. 27, 1832, in Washington County, Virginia. He served in the Confederate army during the War between the States. He m. (1), 1854, Elizabeth Sproles, dau. of Lewis Sproles. She died in 1864, and he m. (2), 1867, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, Frances Jane Barker, daughter of George and Mary (Weatherly) Barker, of Washington County. She was born Feb. 25, 1845 and died Aug. 1, 1907. Their home was first at Mendota, Va.; then near Livingston Creek, Washington County. He was a surveyor as well as a farmer. He died Oct., 1919, in Bristol, Va. Issue:

51. Mary Jane Barbe, b. Jan. 31, 1855
 52. Francis Marion Barbe, b. Oct. 1857
 53. Sarah Ann Barbe, b. June 9, 1860
 54. Martha Elizabeth Barbe, b. Dec. 9, 1867
 55. Matilda Ellen Barbe, b. April 5, 1870
 56. George W. Barbe, b. Dec. 14, 1872
 57. James Lacy Barbe, b. Jan. 16, 1874
 58. John Glenn Barbe, b. Jan. 19, 1879
 59. Will Calvin Barbe, b. July 6, 1881
 60. Abram Wharton Barbe, b. July 21, 1884
 61. Emma Frances Barbe, b. Jan. 15, 1887
20. Jacob Barb married Salley Eaton. They lived in Washington Co., Va.
Issue:
62. Lacy Barb
63. John Barb
21. Katherine Ann Barb was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., Aug. 26, 1833. She married, in Batesville, Ark., Thomas Jones. They lived in Tarrant County, Texas, and then in Kerrville, Texas, where they died. They reared a large family of children.
23. Louisa L. Barb was born in Athens, Ala., May 17, 1838. She married in Batesville, Ark, 1863, Henry White. They lived in Oklahoma, and reared several children.
24. Thomas Jacob Barb was born in Athens, Ala., Mar. 22, 1842. He served in the Confederate army during the War between the States, as a corporal, Co. D, First (Dobbins) Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. He m. (1), in Batesville, Ark. about 1868, a Miss Sommers; (2) in Batesville, Ark., Feb. 5, 1879, Mary Palmer Mason, daughter of John Palmer Mason and Chloe Phebe Bentley. She was born in Waterproof, La., Sept. 24, 1855 and died in Marion Co., Ark.; June 26, 1898. He married (3), in Baxter Co., Ark., Jan. 1899, Lillie Apangler. Thomas Jacob Barb was a farmer, and owned several hundred acres on White River, in Marion Co., Ark. He died there, Jan. 29, 1899. Issue:
64. Nellie Barb, b. about 1870
65. Joseph Mason Barb, b. Jan. 17, 1880
66. Gustavus Henry Barb, b. Dec. 29, 1881; died July 21, 1887
67. Hugh Jacob Barb, b. Jan. 2, 1885
68. Kirk Bentley Barb, b. Feb. 23, 1886
69. Thomas John Barb, b. Dec. 13, 1887
70. Florence Barb, b. June 12, 1890
71. Earl Davis Barb, b. Jan. 15, 1894; d. Aug. 11, 1900
72. Herbert Fagan (Barb) Mason, b. Sept. 24, 1897
25. Gustavus Henry Barb was born in Athens, Ala., Aug. 28, 1843. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, serving in the same regiment with his brother, Tom. In 1871, he removed to Denton, Texas, where he lived until about 1908, in which year he went to Ft. Worth, Texas. He married, in Denton, Texas, Mary Smith. He died in Ft. Worth, Oct. 25, 1929, his wife surviving him by just one week.
Issue:
73. Fay Barb
74. Henry Barb
75. Mary Barb
76. Neola Barb

26. Martha Lane Barb was born in Athens, Ala., Sept. 29, 1845. She m., in Batesville, Ark., June 6, 1866, John L. Ruddell. He was born in Batesville, Ark., 1844. He served in the Confederate Army, being twice wounded. In April 1874 they removed to Denton, Texas, where he practiced law. He was for some years county judge. He died in Denton, June 16, 1924, and she died there Jan. 12, 1922. They reared a family of two sons and four daughters.
28. Mary Eliza Barb was born in Athens, Ala., Jan. 4, 1850. She married in Batesville, Ark., Aug. 25, 1868, William Peel. They removed to Denton, Texas, in 1871. She now lives in Duncan, Oklahoma (only living grandchild of Jacob and Barbara Barb, 1932) She reared several children.
29. James Ernest Barb lives in Hickory, N. C. He is a Lutheran minister.
Issue:
77. Helen Elsie Barb
78. James Ernest Barb
30. Elsie Barb married D. V. Booher, lives Whitestown, Ind.
31. Ida Barb married a Mr. Johnson. She died, 1927, Tampa, Fla.
32. Berta Barb, d. 1915, unmarried.
3. Emma Barb m. Dr. H. N. Donaldson, lives Bellevue, Ohio
34. John M. Barb m. Catherine B. Curley (b. 1881, d. Nov. 28, 1931).
He lives Louisville, Ky. N.I.
38. David Charles Barb was born in Washington County, Va., July 1, 1851. He m. Aug. 11, 1870 _____ Womack. He is a Baptist minister and lives in LaMesa, New Mexico. Issue:
79. Ethel A. Barb, b. 1871
80. Clara Barb, b. 1873
81. Edward H. Barb, b. Aug. 6, 1875
82. Richard M. Barb
83. Isaac M. Barb
84. James R. Barb
85. Judson E. Barbe
39. Isaac Barbe was born in Washington Co., Va., 1855. He was married twice, having a son and daughter by his first wife, and two sons and two daughters by second wife. He lives at Simmons, Texas Co., Mo.
40. Mary Barb m. Frank Richmond. They live near Fairgrove, Mo.
41. Martha Barb m. Aaron Mitchell. They live in Kansas City, Mo.
42. Martha E. Barb m. Apr. 9, 1879, John S. Barr. He was born in Tenn., July 1, 1854. She died 1931.
43. Louisa F. Barb m., June 24, 1915, William H. White. He was born July 11, 1850. Live in Bristol, Va.
44. William Barb m., Washington Co., Va., Jan. 27, 1904, Lucy Ann (Miller) Barb. She was born in Washington Co., June 7, 1872. (Her first husband was John Barb, brother of William) They live near

Bristol, Va.

Issue:

- 86. Mary Frances Barb, b. Dec. 2, 1904
- 87. Franklin Ensor Barb, b. Jan. 19, 1906
- 88. James Abram Barb, b. July 30, 1907
- 89. Susie Ellen Barb, b. May 11, 1909

- 45. Isaac Barb m., Washington Co., Va., Oct. 31, 1888, Elizabeth E.A. Droke. She was born Nov. 26, 1869, Sullivan Co., Tenn. She lives in Bristol, Va. He died Apr. 21, 1909. Issue:
- 90. Eva Lee Barb, b. July 22, 1889

- 46. John E. Barb m. Washington Co., Va., Dec. 21, 1893, Lucy Miller. She was born June 7, 1872. They lived in Washington Co. He died May 28, 1902. She married (2) William Barb. Issue:
- 91. Lena Virginia Barb, b. Oct. 10, 1894
- 92. Oliver Paul Barb, b. Mar. 23, 1897; d. July 6, 1897
- 93. Denver Edward Barb, b. Aug. 8, 1899

- 47. Robert J. Barb, m. Dec. 23, 1896, Mary Annis Rutledge. She was born in Tennessee, Nov. 12, 1873, and died Feb. Feb. 21, 1930 in Washington Co., Va. Issue:
- 94. Nellie Sarah Barb, b. Oct. 21, 1897
- 95. Rosa Bill Barb, b. July 15, 1899
- 96. Robert Jacob Barb, b. Sept. 23, 1900
- 97. John Rutledge Barb, b. Mar. 21, 1902
- 98. Isaac Edward Barb, b. Feb. 4, 1903
- 99. Basil Kyle Barb, b. Mar. 7, 1905
- 100. Nicholas VanBuren Barb, b. Aug. 7, 1909
- 101. Francis Henry Barb, b. July 23, 1913

- 48. Edward E. Barb m (1), Dec. 19, 1899, Pearl Elizabeth Corey. She died Aug. 29, 1917. He m. (2) Grace Annamae Enockson. They live in Newcastle, Ind. Issue:
- 102. William Edward Barb, b. Apr. 4, 1902
- 103. Cecil Franklin Barb, b. Dec. 4, 1904
- 104. Edith Corey Barb, b. July 21, 1907; d. 1911
- 105. James Arthur Barb, b. Dec. 12, 1909
- 106. Edward Siguert Barb, b. Feb. 10, 1922.

- 49. Lafayette Barb probably died unmarried.

- 50. Franklin Barb m. a Miss Camper, but had no children

- 51. Mary Jane Barbe m., 1876, Joseph Leonard, son of William and Sarah (Moore) Leonard. They lived near Benhams, Va. He died 1902, and she died, May 1925.

- 52. Francis M. Barbe m. Lulu Barker. They lived in Mendota, Va. He died in 1883. Issue:
- 107. Muncy Barbe
- 108. Ada Barbe
- 109. Frank Barbe

- 53. Sarah A. Barbe m., July 3, 1884, Joseph W. Repass, son of Joseph and Eliza (Repass) Repass. He was born Nov. 8, 1861. He was an educator throughout his life, having served as president of Centenary

College, Cleveland, Tenn.; Logan College, Russellville, Ky; and Westmoreland College, San Antonio, Texas. He died in San Antonio, Oct. 23, 1919. She lives in San Antonio. They reared five children. One son, W. C. Repass, lives in Houston and is news editor of the Houston Post-Dispatch. Another son, Roy R. Repass, lived in San Antonio, Tex. and was a leader of note in the musical world.

54. Martha E. Barbe m., Nov. 29, 1885, Sidney M. Repass, son of Joseph and Eliza Repass. He died Dec. 1926, Roanoke, Va., and she died Aug. 20, 1930, Bluefield, W. Va.
55. Matilda E. Barbe m., April 14, 1897, Rev. A. Newton Horn. He was born July 5, 1863. They live in Dorton, Ky.
56. George W. Barbe m., Aug. 11, 1915, Florence Smith, daughter of Louis S. and Elizabeth (Harpster) Smith. She was born Mar. 11, 1892. They have no children, but have adopted two.
a. Clifford Barbe, b. 1916
b. Jeanne Barbe, b. 1918
57. James L. Barbe m., Mar. 20, 1904, Louvenia Fleenor, daughter of Robert and Julia Ann (Fleenor) Fleenor. She was b. Dec. 21, 1878. They live near Bluff City, Tenn. Issue:
110. Roy Lacy Barbe, b. May 2, 1905
111. Vernadeen Barbe, b. Feb. 3, 1907
58. John Glenn Barbe m., Washington Co., Va., Nov. 1, 1911, Mary Hahner, daughter of August and Emelie (Scharf) Hahner, natives of Germany. She was b. in Washington Co., Va., April 1, 1888. He is a Baptist minister, and lives in Franklin, Ky. Issue:
112. Waverly Wilson Barbe, b. Oct. 26, 1913
59. Will C. Barbe m., Sept 8, 1920, Belvon Miller, daughter of John and Catherine (Dishner) Miller, of Washington Co. They live near Bristol, Va. Issue:
113. George Russell Barbe, b. July 6, 1921; d. Aug. 6, 1921
114. James Ruskin Barbe, b. July 10, 1923; d. Sept. 18, 1925
115. Robert Francis Barbe, b. Aug. 8, 1929
60. Abram W. Barbe m., Sept. 21, 1909, Matilda Caroline Evans. She was b. Mar. 26, 1883, in Burch, Mingo Co., W. Va. He is a Methodist minister and lives in Whitley City, Ky. Issue:
116. Johnson Barbe, b. June 20, 1910; d. Aug. 12, 1911
117. Lucy Anita Barbe, b. Jan. 28, 1912
118. Emma Frances Barbe, b. May 21, 1914
119. Ruth Evans Barbe, b. Nov. 19, 1916
120. Cherrie Barbe, b. Sept. 30, 1918
121. Ulaby Barbe, b. Jan. 16, 1921
122. Lacy Glenn Barbe, b. May 25, 1925
61. Emma Frances Barbe, m., San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 18, 1930, Robert Bertran Thrift, son of Robert E. P. and Amanda (Elledge) Thrift. They live in San Antonio.
62. Lacy Barb m. a Miss McMillan
63. John Barb m. Samantha Hobbs. They live in Washington Co., Va. Issue:
123. Daniel Barb

64. Nellie Barb m. George A. Spann. Live in West
65. Joseph Mason Barb m., Franklin, Ark., August 25, 1901, Mary Jane Berry. She was born at Franklin, Ark., Dec. 22, 1882. They live on a large farm near Waterville, Douglas Co., Washington. Issue: 124. Robert Lee Barb, b. Aug. 27, 1902
67. Hugh Jacob Barb m., Merkel, Tex., Nov. 29, 1908, Chlora Inez Adams. She was born at Forney, Kaufman Co., Texas, July 6, 1891. They live in Norman, Okla. Issue: 125. Thomas John Barb, b. Mar. 17, 1910
68. Kirk Bentley Barb m., at Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 8, 1917, Mary Catherine MacDonnell. She was born in County Mayo, Ireland, July 25, 1891. He is a physician in Camden, New Jersey, having received his education at the University of Oklahoma and Johns Hopkins University. Issue: 126. Mary Catherine Barb, b. Jan. 11, 1920
127. Eileen Patricia Barb, b. Mar. 18, 1921
128. John MacDonnell Barb, b. June 27, 1922
69. Thomas John Barb m., Batesville, Ark., June 10, 1916, Lena Headstream. She was born in Independence, Ark., Oct. 8, 1889. He is a physician at Roby, Texas.
70. Florence Barb m., Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 21, 1907, Lawrence Ruddell. He was born at Batesville, Ark., Aug. 18, 1876, and died there Dec. 14, 1923. She m. (2) Oct. 9, 1926, Joseph Harmon. They live at Batesville, Ark.
72. Herbert Fagan Barb, when 1 year old, was legally adopted by Joseph Mason, his mother's brother, who had no children of his own. His name was changed from Barb to Mason. He married, Nashville, Ark., July 24, 1922, Edith Ellen McInturff. She was born in Nashville, Ark., March 14, 1902. They live in Temple, Texas. He is a civil engineer. Issue: 129. Fagan Barb-Mason, b. Mar. 10, 1930
73. Fay Barb m. William Neeley
74. Henry Barb m., in Ft. Worth, Texas, Maude Bryant. They live in Fort Worth.
76. Neola Barb m. Karl Harms. They live in Ft. Worth, Texas.
79. Ethel A. Barb m., a Mr. Jones. They live in LaMesa, New Mexico.
80. Clara Barb m. a Mr. Lee. They live in Las Cruces, N.M.
81. Edward H. Barb m., Sept. 24, 1899, Ella Lee Bennett. She died Dec. 13, 1925. He is a Baptist minister and lives in Springfield, Mo. Issue: 129. Leatha Gwendolyn Barb, b. 1912
82. Richard M. Barb lives in Georgia
83. Isaac M. Barb lives in Galveston, Texas.

85. Judson E. Barbe is a Baptist minister, and lives in Abilene, Texas.
86. Mary Frances Barb m., Jan. 12, 1924, William Fred Fleenor. He was born Jan. 9, 1902. Live in Washington County.
88. James A. Barb m., Aug. 25, 1929, Emma Belle Fleenor. She was born Dec. 6, 1905. Live in Washington County. Issue:
130. James Thomas Barb, b. Jan. 6, 1929
89. Susie Ellen Barb m., 1929, Henry Claude Fleenor. He was born Apr. 3, 1910. Live in Washington County.
90. Eva Lee Barb m., Oct. 9, 1910, Joseph Evans Furrow, of Roanoke, Va.
91. Lena Virginia Barb m. Franklin Earl Dishner. He was born Jan. 20, 1892. Live in Washington County.
93. Denver E. Barb m. Aug. 10, 1924, Clarice Natille Porter. She was born Aug. 9, 1900. They live in Indianapolis, Ind. Issue:
131. Denver E. Barb, b. Aug. 22, 1926
132. John Raymond Barb, b. Jan. 29, 1929
133. David Richard Barb, b. Mar. 20, 1931.
94. Nellie Sarah Barb m., Aug. 29, 1926, Frank S. Williams.
96. Robert J. Barb m., June 21, 1925, Florence Catherine Williams. Issue:
134. Robert Jacob Barb, b. Jan 28, 1927
135. Edith Irene Barb, b. Oct. 14, 1930
97. John R. Barb m., Oct. 17, 1920, Nellie Mae Smith. Issue:
136. Mona Irene Barb, b. Oct. 8, 1921
137. Ted Randell Barb, b. Dec. 15, 1929
99. Basil K. Barb m., June 20, 1925, Finnie Belle Williams. Issue:
138. Billy Kyle Barb, b. Sept. 13, 1928
139. Doris Eileen Barb, b. Nov. 13, 1930
102. William E. Barb m., Dec. 11, 1927, Axie Plew. Issue:
140. William Eugene Barb
141. Janice Mae Barb
103. Cecil F. Barb m., Alma Cromwell Issue:
140. William Eugene Barb
141. Janice Mae Barb
107. Muncy Barbe m. Elizabeth Barker. They live near Benhams, Va. They have nine sons, three are:
142. Luther Barbe
143. Frank Barbe
144. Gordon Barbe
108. Adam Barbe m. Oscar Massengill
109. Frank Barbe m. Hattie Massengill. He died about 1916. She lives in Washington County Issue:
145. Mary Frances Barbe

146. Marjory Barbe
147. Glenn Barbe

110. Roy L. Barbe m., May 7, 1927, Faye Osborn, daughter of Roby and Anna (Sluder) Osborn. She was born Sept. 19, 1911. They live near Bluff City, Tenn. Issue:

148. James Douglas Barb, b. and d. Feb. 24, 1929

149. Dorris Elizabeth Barbe, b. Aug. 25, 1930

111. Vernadeen Barbe m. Oct. 10, 1925, Robert J. McGarry. They live in Asheville, N. C.

124. Robert Leo Barb, b. Marion Co., Ark., Aug. 27, 1902. m., in Omak. Wash., Jun. 20, 1926, Grace Jane Epley, who was born in Haven, Kansas. Live at Palisades, Wash. Issue:

150. Janie Belle Barb.

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